

## REMARKS

No claims have been amended.

Claims 1, 5-7, 10-12, 14-16, and 18-19 have been cancelled.

Claims 8, 9, 13, and 20-24 are currently pending in this application.

Claims 8, 13, and 20 are in independent format.

### **1. Allowable Subject Matter**

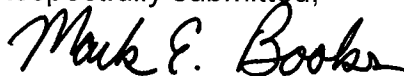
The Examiner has noted that Claims 8-9, 13, and 20-24 are allowed for the reasons stated in the Office Action of May 18, 2006.

All rejected claims have been cancelled.

### **2. Conclusion**

Based on the foregoing, the entry of this After-Final Amendment which places the case in condition for allowance is requested. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to advance the case to issuance, and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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